

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed March 16, 2009.

I. Summary of Examiner's Objections and Rejections

Claims 1, 3-9, 11 and 13-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as not falling within one of the four statutory categories of invention. However, it was indicated that claims 1, 3-9, 11, and 13-20 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101.

II. Summary of Applicant's Amendments

The present Reply amends claims 1, 19 and 20; all as shown above. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to prosecute any originally presented or cancelled claims in a continuing or future application.

III. Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1, 3-9, 11 and 13-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as not falling within one of the four statutory categories of invention. Independent claims 1, 19 and 20 have been amended to include the following language after the preambles, "using a microprocessor to carry out the steps of:" which is consistent with the Examiner's recommendation.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this reply, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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